

All men have, if they dare  
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## PREVAILING WAGE LAW UPHeld BY NEW YORK STATE HIGH COURT

must pay a part, and that this impairs their freedom of contract and their property is taken without process of law. In upholding the Justice League said:

"The State may impose conditions as for hours of labor and rate of wages in its contracts for public works from the right of the State to regulate the terms of its contracts and to require that the contractors shall voluntarily accept such terms. But the State may compel municipal corporations to enter into similar contracts. It does not have the right to control its instrumentalities. The legislature might have dictated that the work be done entirely by women, or by negroes, or at any rate, in my judgment, the work is of such a public character that the State may legally prescribe conditions for its performance. It permits it to be performed."

What might be unreasonable were

## CENTRAL PLANNING TO STOP RECESSION

Washington, Jan. 10.—A central planning board "to furnish information and guidance for industry as a whole," is favored by the Monthly Survey of Business of the A. F. of L.

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The survey also calls for "further organization of business men in effective trade associations and of wage earners in unions so that they may direct the economic forces that make for progress."

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"We must also call for 'further organization of business men in effective trade associations and of wage earners in labor unions.' Without this we may direct the economic forces for our own ruin."

"Depression results from maladjustment of the economy. The most important relationship must be kept between the production of our industries and the purchasing power of the population. As a historic fact the average of our mining and manufacturing industries has increased on the production of goods hardly more than one and one-half per cent a year, so that the purchasing power of the population, the number of our population is continually small quantity is exported, this is the cause of our depression. The arms must be able so that the population will rise to buy 5 per cent more goods than it can consume."

"If our industries are to maintain output and employment, they must be played and continue their growth, we must increase production, we must increase and limit production to what we can consume."

**SEES NEW INDUSTRY  
NEEDED TO AID IDLE**

Sturtevant, Conn., Jan. 10. — If a new industry can be developed unemployment will be relieved, it is the convincing opinion of a leading business and economist of a well-known insurance company.

Listing the index of farm workers to cities as one of the factors responsible for unemployment, Prof. Bailey said:

"The 10,000,000 to 10,000,000 agricultural workers released about 400,000 workers from the cities. It is estimated that 4,000,000 fewer persons live today on farms than 10 years ago.

"The period of hard times in this country as far back as 1893 was the first time since that began to absorb the workers, first from the farms, then from the roads, then the automobile industry. What we need more than anything

## LOW-WAGE EMPLOYER BLOCKED BY UNIONS

**BOYCOTT BY UNIONS**

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 10.—Organized labor blocked a low-wage contractor from applying his practices on the \$400,000, one-story addition to the veterans' hospital in this city.

The contractor, J. A. Algernon Blair of Montgomery, Ala., who opposes trade unionists and employs the cheapest labor.

The unionists protested to Senators McClellan and Brock and Congressman Hubert Fisher, General Frank T. Hines, director of the Veterans' Bureau; Col. Arthur Woods, chairman of the President's committee on unemployment, and to the Hon. Charles Strother, secretary of the President.

Messrs. McClellan, Brock and Fisher

of Tennessee's delegation in Congress immediately acted on the protest and later informed local unionists that government officials have ruled that

conditions must be complied with before the low-wage contractor is awarded the job.

## NEW PAINT PROCESSES INJURE WOMEN WORKERS

Washington, Jan. 10.—"Hazards to working women are increasing everywhere at an alarming rate," declared Miss Mary Anderson, director United States Women's Bureau, in a public statement.

"Comparatively few employers are aware of this insidious type of danger and few are inclined to take steps of precaution," she said.

"Each year brings changes in industrial practices that involve the use of materials that may prove dangerous to women—for example, the development of the use of radium in paint and the new substances that are employed in dyes, in pastes, dyes and other compounds."